

A query regarding the Member for Trippunittura.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—A point of order. Is the Hon'ble Member for Trippunittura entitled to sit here as a member of the Council, since he has accepted an office?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is he a Government servant?

President.—That is the question we are considering. An off-hand reply it is not possible to give. I have my own doubts regarding the matter. I have referred it to the Government Advocate for his opinion. It is in that state that matters now stand, and so, Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar, we shall take him as a member till the matter is finally settled. (*Hear, hear.*)

The Report of the Cranganur Road Committee.

305. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report submitted by the Cranganur Road Committee in the year 1927 and the Government orders thereon?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The Secretariat File, Dis. 59/R/99, containing the Road Committee's Report and the orders issued thereon by Government from time to time, is placed on the Council Secretary's table for reference.

The appointment of the Excise Committee.

306. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for not appointing the Excise Committee, as agreed by the Government at the time of the last budget discussion, and to inform when the Committee will be formed?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The question of constituting the Committee is engaging the earnest attention of the Government and an announcement on the subject will be made shortly.

The nomination of Anglo-Indians to the Municipalities of Ernakulam and Trichur.

307. Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it received any representations from the Anglo-Indians of Trichur and Ernakulam requesting a member of their

community to be nominated in each of the Municipal Councils of the two places, and what action was taken thereon?

119 Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Yes. The strength of the Councils as at present constituted and the principles of nomination followed did not allow the request being granted.

Low-paid servants of the Government

308. Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is not harmful and dangerous, if these whole-time employees (Government servants) are not paid a living wage for the work that is being extracted out of them?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The subject-matter of the question will engage the consideration of the Special Finance Committee to be constituted shortly.

The qualifications of Mr. Ayyakkutti, District Judge.

309. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any additional qualifications besides B. A. and F. L. does Mr. Ayyakkutti, a permanent Judge in the State service, possess to rightly qualify him for the post?

(b) if the answer be in the negative, does not the Government consider it unjust to entrust justice in the hands of one who has not even passed his law examinations?

(c) will the Government, in future at least, try to avoid such situations?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—(a) The Government consider that his long experience in the Judicial Department coupled with his literary and legal qualifications sufficiently qualifies Mr. Ayyakkutti for the post he holds.

(b) and (c) No answer is necessary in view of that furnished to (a).

The term of training of the candidates selected for Police training at Vellore.

310. Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Will the Government be pleased to inform: